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Timely Tidbits ...

Bennett Perfect in Voting, Attendance

For the third consecutive time, State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) has obtained a perfect voting and attendance record for the first half of the year.

According to Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus (R-Alto), Bennett attended all 65 session days, and also responded to all 472 record roll-call votes held since the Legislature adjourned for the summer.

"Senator Bennett is a dedicated lawmaker whose tireless commitment makes him a valuable asset to residents of his district," Posthumus said. "His perfect voting and attendance record places him first overall among the entire Senate – an exemplary achievement."

Bennett expressed appreciation for the recognition.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve the people of Wayne County," he said. "It is important for a legislator to be on the job every day, giving people in the district a full-time voice at the Capitol."

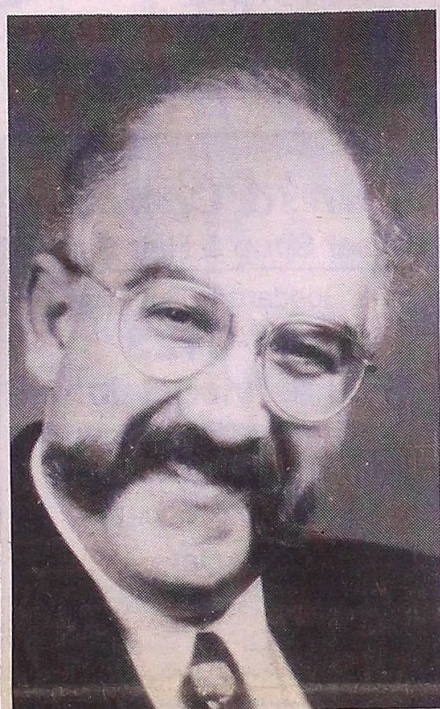
Gas-price Hearings

House Speaker Curtis Hertel (D-Detroit) and Appropriations Committee Chairman Morris Hood, Jr. (D-Detroit) have announced that the Appropriations Committee will conduct hearings into the dramatic increase in gas prices across Michigan.

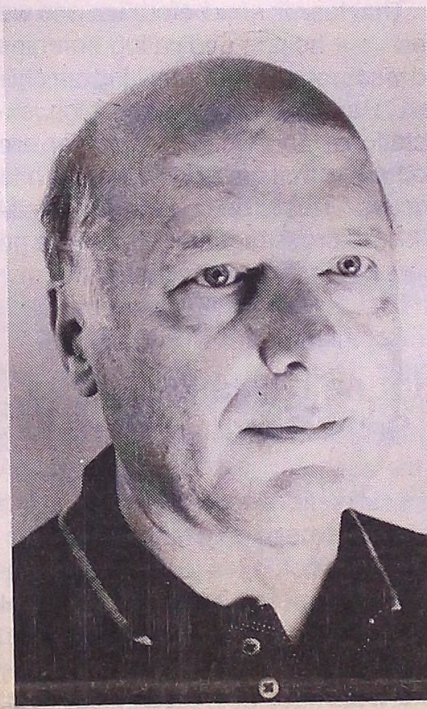
"We intend to call in representatives of the oil companies and ask them to explain why, on the heels of a four-cent gas increase, gas prices have gone up 10 cents or more," said Hood. "I'm not making any judgments, but, with people expecting higher gas prices because of a higher tax, it's easy to raise prices, piggyback on the tax hike, and hope that consumers blame the government."

Hertel said that he wants the hearings to be nonpartisan. He will invite the Engler Administration and the House Republican Minority to participate fully in the committee's examination. □

Candidates for City Treasurer Vie for Spot on November Ballot in September Primary



Howard Kesner



Kris Moe



Pamela Morrison-Kersey

Editor's note: With three candidates in both its mayoral and treasurer races, the City of Romulus will hold a primary election on Tuesday, September 9. The top two vote-getters for each office will appear on the ballot in the November 4 general election, along with unopposed candidate for City Clerk, Linda Choate, and 11 candidates for City Council. A brief profile of the treasurer candidates appears below; a similar article on mayoral candidates will appear in our August 29, 1997 issue.

Vying for the position of City Treasurer are Howard Kesner, Kris Moe, and Pamela Morrison-Kersey.

Howard Kesner

Perhaps best known to most local residents as a longtime member of the Romulus Board of Education, Kesner says that striving to strengthen the quality of life in his community has always been very high on his personal priority list.

"Over the past 20 years that I have lived in Romulus, I have made a real commitment to my community and its citizens. I have always tried to make a difference, and I believe that I have succeeded."

The 50-year-old Kesner grew up in Redford and graduated from Thurston High School. Since earning his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University in 1972, this firm believer in contin-

ued learning received his finance/credit certification from Dun & Bradstreet in 1980 and is currently working on a master's degree in public administration from Central Michigan University.

Like many college students, Kesner worked a variety of jobs during his years at Wayne State, when he did everything from campus security to installing swimming pools, selling magazines to singing – anything, in short, that would help to cover his expenses. Since then, he has an impressive 25 years of experience in the field of commercial finance and credit management. After Kesner's former employer let him go in 1996, when the company eliminated all of its regional finance/credit departments, he went to work for a temporary personnel company, and is currently assigned to Ford Motor Credit Company.

The list of professional and civic organizations to which Kesner has belonged includes the National Association of Credit Managers, United Association of Equipment Leasing, National Association of Equipment Leasing Brokers, National Association of School Boards, Michigan Association of School Boards, Romulus Democratic Club, Sigma Iota Epsilon Honors Management Fraternity, Cory School PTO, Romulus Parents Area Council, Romulus Little League, and Boy Scouts of America-Cub Scouts.

The story of Kesner's 25-year marriage to wife Alice clearly illustrates the fact that the road to wedded bliss need not be paved with the traditional trappings of romance.

"My wife and I met 26 years ago, on June 19, 1971," Kesner recalled. "I was singing in a coffee house and she was in the audience. From the minute I saw her, I knew. Two weeks later, I proposed. It wasn't a very romantic proposal. We were at a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert at Meadowbrook, sitting on the grass and listening to the music, when I picked up a plastic cork from a wine bottle and stuck it on her finger and said, 'That will have to do until I can buy you a diamond.' I bought the diamond the following week, and we've been together ever since." Perhaps inevitably, given such a beginning, the two were married on April Fool's Day, 1972. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Boston, where they stayed for several years before returning to Michigan to buy a home in Romulus in 1977.

Despite a doctor's warning that Alice would probably never be able to have children, the couple was blessed with four: Amanda, who is now 23; Emily, age 22; Ted, 18; and 16-year-old Mamie. All of the Kesner children have attended Romulus schools, with the three oldest going off to various colleges.

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Letters to the Editor

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Open Letter to Romulus Parents

To all Romulus parents:

The Romulus Board of Education and the district's administrators and staff members have established an ambitious plan to increase the performance of all students attending Romulus Community Schools.

The plan consists of six initiatives: "Parental/Community Involvement," "Curriculum," "Climate," "Preschool," "Technology," and "Management."

As district personnel, we have the highest expectations of ourselves and these initiatives. Additionally, and most important, we have the same high expectations of our parents and students. We need more parental involvement than ever to continue to have a major impact on our children's education. We need students to be focused, to continue to enhance their study habits, and to challenge themselves to be better students. We need our students to "take the challenge a step further."

Studies have shown that when parents and educators have high expectations concerning the ability of students, they will perform at higher levels. Therefore, it is incumbent upon those of us in the field of education to provide the necessary resources for those achievements. We cannot just talk about it.

The Romulus school district provides many resources to enhance the success and outcomes for its students: After-school Tutoring, Saturday Academy, Leadership Training, School-to-Work Partnerships, and the Parent/Student/Teacher/Community Compact. These are just a few of the special offerings that our district provides its students. I urge parents and students of our community to take full advantage of these educational opportunities.

The goal of the Romulus Board of Education is to make our school district one of the best in the State. You, as parents of children in our schools, can help to make this goal a reality when you have high expectations for your child's educational performance. The Board wants its students to be proud of the education that they receive and to spread the good news about our district.

Your Romulus Board of Education works long hours to deliver the best educational resources to the community – resources that we both need and deserve. Each time the Board meets, we expect more of ourselves and our administrators. Our objective is to take responsibility for our implementations in order to accomplish the task at hand.

That task is now before us, and we need your help in dedicating energies and resources toward assisting our children. Parental involvement, high expectations, and working together are good signs that we are on the "path to success." This is one bridge we can all build and cross together. There are no losers in this "win-win situation."

Michael Woods, Treasurer
Romulus Board of Education

House Dems Delivered, Says Speaker Hertel

To the editor:

Last year, Democrats ran for the Michigan House of Representatives, pledging to cut taxes for working families, improve public education, and fight crime by putting more cops on the beat. In just seven short months, House Democrats have delivered on our election-year promises.

Although Governor Engler failed to make a tax cut part of his legislative plan for 1997, House Democrats led the effort to enact an across-the-board tax cut for individuals and families. Our tax cut – which includes a \$200 increase in the standard income-tax deduction, and extra deductions of \$600 for children under six and \$300 for ages six to 12 – will save families of four as much as \$85 on their 1998 state income taxes. We made college more affordable, doubling the state's college tuition tax credit and expanding the maximum credit to \$375.

House Democrats fought successfully to increase the state minimum wage to \$5.15 per hour, so workers not covered by the federal minimum wage aren't cheated. We also passed a balanced state budget in which House Democrats secured \$10 million to put 5,000 more police officers on patrol in local neighborhoods. We expanded funding for local schools and secured more job-training funds for community colleges.

Thanks to our accomplishments, Michigan's families will earn more and keep more. They will be safer in their homes. Their children will attend better schools. College will be more affordable, and job training more accessible. Thanks to House Democrats, Michigan's families are more secure than ever.

Curtis Hertel
Speaker of the House □

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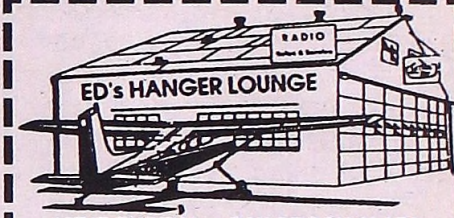
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State Representatives and Senators of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus will hold a Public Policy Summit at the State Capitol in Lansing on Saturday, October 18. Following the summit's theme of *Recommitment*, many of the day's forums will focus on the empowerment of African-Americans.

"This summit will address issues pertinent to empowering African-Americans politically, economically, and socially," said State Representative Mary Lou Parks (D-Detroit), caucus chair.

The opening forum, entitled "The Status of African-Americans in the State of Michigan," will feature the leadership of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, and will be moderated by State Representative Kwame Kilpatrick (D-Detroit), co-coordinator of the summit.

"This forum will lay the groundwork for the event," Kilpatrick said. "A solid foundation and clear starting point are important to examining information of this magnitude."

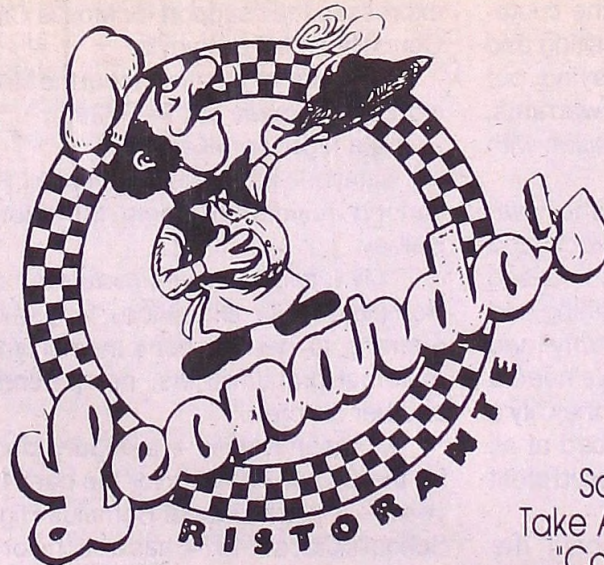
The summit is one of the outgrowths of an aggressive six-point plan introduced by the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus members at the onset of the 89th Legislative Session this past January.

The object of the plan is to enhance political empowerment and awareness throughout African-American communities in the State and to encourage activism for improving housing conditions; educational and job-training opportunities; and intervention in health-care and public-safety areas.

A breakfast will begin the day's events, followed by concurrent forums on juvenile justice, deregulation of utilities, financial services, higher education, welfare reform, and doing business with the State. Other topics include issues related to labor, civil and constitutional rights, health care, the appropriations process, transportation in Michigan, the role of the church, and the judiciary system. The summit will feature a guest speaker at the luncheon, and will conclude with a reception.

"This summit will provide an array of information that the African-American community needs to stay abreast of important issues," said Representative Nancy Quarles (D-Southfield), summit coordinator. "It will also serve as an excellent opportunity to network."

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CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

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Kesner acknowledges that the "popular issue" in this particular candidate race appears to be the continuation of current Treasurer James Napierkowski's free homestead-tax preparation service for local senior citizens, but he contends that the *real* issue is the need for a treasurer who can competently execute the duties and responsibilities connected with the office.

"First, let me say that I will continue the service," said Kesner. "Those seniors who avail themselves of the service can rest assured that I will perform their tax preparation professionally, obtaining all the possible credit and exemptions they are entitled to while ensuring their privacy. I will not call in non-union personnel to perform the tax service, as has been suggested by another candidate, because I feel it would be inappropriate."

"Of course, help and services for our seniors is extremely important; if I didn't believe that, then I wouldn't have convinced my parents and my mother-in-law to move to Romulus so that we could care for each other. But, while I will continue the service, I think it is important to note that senior tax preparation is not a primary function of the office; it is a service over and above the Charter-mandated duties of a treasurer."

According to Kesner, citizens should be more concerned with these official duties, which include being the custodian of all City moneys, depositing and reporting those moneys, paying out funds in accordance with City warrants, and working in close coordination with the City Assessor.

"Romulus needs a full-time treasurer who will ensure accuracy and timeliness when issuing refunds based on tax tribunal rulings, maintaining and submitting tax bills to the County, and collecting delinquent taxes. We need a treasurer who will ensure that the City's investments will be safeguarded at all costs, while providing for increased profit in these investments."

For more information about the Kesner campaign, please call 941-4722.

Kris Moe

"Serving all City residents effectively, efficiently, and in a timely manner, and also working closely with all City departments, will be the number-one priority of the Treasurer's office if I'm elected," says Kris Moe.

Moe, a 24-year Romulus resident, was raised in Lincoln Park. His educational background includes receipt of a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the Detroit College of Business and a master of science degree in taxation from Walsh College. Moe's continued devotion to his community is evidenced by his service as treasurer of the Boys and Girls Club of Romulus, treasurer and past president of the Ro-

mulus Progressive Club, treasurer and past president of the Romulus Rotary, and treasurer of the St. Aloysius Church Festival.

Currently employed by the City as Director of Purchasing/Computer Services, Moe has owned and operated an accounting and tax service for 25 years. He and his wife of 30 years have four children.

Moe says that, if he's elected, residents need have no fears about a loss in services.

"Programs already in place would continue – and, in some instances, be expanded, such as the tax return preparation offered at the present time," he explained.

The bottom line: Moe wants to give the people of Romulus the best service possible.

"A treasurer is a public servant and, as such, must be willing to work with the people he serves. I will do my best to accommodate citizens within the latitude provided for by law. I will always be open to suggestions, and my door will always be open to residents."

In order to live up to such promises, says Moe, *you have to be there*. "I feel that the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer should be available at all times when the Treasurer's office is open for business. When I'm elected, the citizens of Romulus can be assured of this."

Among those who have publicly expressed their support for Moe is City Councilman Mike Prybyla.

For more information about the Moe campaign, please call 941-7224.

Pamela Morrison-Kersey

If anyone has roots in Romulus, it's lifelong resident Pamela Morrison-Kersey.

"My family has been committed to Romulus for four generations," she said, referring to herself, her paternal and maternal grandmothers, her parents, and her children.

Morrison-Kersey – a deputy clerk for the City of Romulus for the past 14 years – is a graduate of Romulus High School's Class of 1974, has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University, and is a certified municipal deputy clerk.

She and husband Robert (also a lifelong resident) have two children: Dominique, age 10, and Ronald Jr., who is six.

Community service is important to Morrison-Kersey, a past president of Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Upsilon Chapter – a public-service-oriented sorority. Besides having membership in various professional municipal groups, she is also an active community volunteer.

Morrison-Kersey feels that her extended experience as a City employee makes her uniquely qualified for the office of Treasurer.

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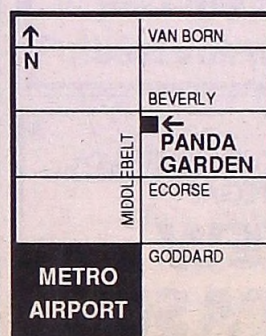
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Cody Barnes is discovering that learning is an adventure.

More than 50 students arrive at Merriman Elementary School each day to participate in an educational enrichment program called Academic Adventure Camp. This exciting opportunity for young learners uses a child-centered group approach to study the major subject areas.

Curriculum Coordinator and Project Director for this first-time program is Lori Fritz, a first-year teacher from Barth Elementary School.

"Our program provides the community with a needed service and, at \$35 per week, it would be difficult to find day-care at a lower rate," said Fritz, who added that, with new students being enrolled each day, the program continues to grow.

All Adventure Camp activities are designed to be fun for children. Because it is an enrichment program, teachers are not restricted to specific outcomes. A problem-solving approach is used for each academic activity, and each problem has more than one correct solution. Students are placed in groups to encourage them to work together. After a great deal of discussion, the group decides on a single solution. The solution is then shared with all other groups.

Teacher Jill Hillis, who is responsible for the older children at the Adventure Camp, likes this teaching philosophy. "It is wonderful to see their young minds attack a problem without fear of being wrong," she explained. "Their solutions generally are plausible and contain a lot of forethought."

The camp is run weekdays from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., with lunch available after camp activities are completed for the day.

Camper Crystal Kirkland-Scott, a fifth-grader from Halecreek School, said she came to camp because her mother wanted her to have the experience. "Now that I'm here, I'm really enjoying it," said Kirkland-Scott. "This is a lot more fun than just staying at home."

Seventh-grade student Joe Miller readily agreed: "This is fun. You're always doing interesting things and learning without really studying."

Like Miller, Ashley Stevens is a student at Merriman School, but she is going into the fifth grade. She said that the camp projects aren't really work at all, and that the program gives her a lot to do during summer vacation. "My favorite things are the computers, recess, gym, lunch, and the neat science experiments we do," she said.

Primary teacher Jerry Belanger feels that the program has been successful, and he enjoys the casual atmosphere present in the camp. "We are using the teaching models of cooperative learning – think, pair, and share – as well as activity-centered learning," he explained. "The students work together well, and it is interesting to see how quickly they do learn a concept."

"We like teaching around a central theme which connects the four major subjects we are teaching," he added.

Already the students have worked together to build tornado tubes which, when activated, show how a tornado works. Another favorite project was making peanut-butter clay, which was molded into different objects and then eaten.

A unit on bubbles, set to begin soon, should prove to be another highlight of Academic Camp.

"We are so pleased with the behavior and dedication of our students," Fritz said. "The longer we are together, the better it becomes. Hopefully, the program will be repeated next year."

Registration continues each day at Merriman School. If you would like more information about Academic Adventure Camp, please call Fritz at 941-6900. She will be happy to discuss it with you.

(Note: The Academic Adventure Camp is followed by the City of Romulus Summer Recreation Program each afternoon.) □

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What You Should Look For in a Marriage Partner

By Jacque Martin-Downs, MA, MSW

Studies of the history and character traits of alcohol and drug abusers seem to indicate that certain characteristics may be present even before a person becomes a chronic abuser.

If you are contemplating marriage in the future, the following "red flags" should alert you to possible problems.

- Is your future mate prone to physical aggression? Has he/she ever hit, kicked, or slapped others?
- Does your partner show an impulsive temper? Does his/her temper include abusive language?
- Has your partner humiliated you through ridicule or sarcasm? Is he/she ever disrespectful toward you?
- Have you ever been concerned about your mate's use of alcohol or drugs? Has he/she ever experienced negative consequences – drunk-driving tickets, job loss – due to their use? After a session of heavy use, has your partner ever suggested that he/she should quit – but, later, gone back to "using"? Has your mate ever said that he/she will have only one or two drinks tonight, only to end up consuming five or more?
- Do you ever feel trapped by your partner's possessiveness? Does he/she become fearful or angry when you choose to go out with friends?

If you answered "yes" to two or more of the above questions, it's time to look carefully at your partner to see whether he/she is really the right "candidate" for marriage with you. Often, while counseling people, my colleagues and I will ask clients if they recognized the above "red flags" in their partner while they were dating. The clients will admit that they did see these traits, but had believed that they could change the person! Such belief is erroneous; it is nearly impossible to change another.

If you currently live with someone who exhibits two or more of these behaviors, you may feel frustrated and resentful toward him/her. It would behoove both of you to seek a third party (outside counseling) who can help bring into focus the things that are causing stress in your relationship. If the other person will not talk to an outside party, you must look at how safe you are in that situation. Groups such as First Step support people who are being abused by their spouse or significant other. Check your telephone directory or call information for the number of the First Step group nearest you. You may have to do this not only for your own self-respect, but for your children's sake as well. A person who witnesses abuse or addiction most likely grows up to marry an abuser or become one, too. □

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HomeShare is offered to adults, free of charge. Trained staff assist in matching compatible people from all walks of life to share housing. The decisions are up to the participants and the benefits are numerous, as illustrated in the Anna/Betty match.

HomeSharing begins with a phone call. Participants are divided into two groups: providers (people with homes to share) and seekers (people looking to share a home). The application pro-

cess includes a personal interview to determine needs, preferences, and expectations. Personal references are checked, income verified, and a medical evaluation form completed by each participant's physician.

Quick matches are not the goal of this program. Instead, participants are encouraged to take it slow and choose carefully. Referrals are made on an ongoing basis to potential HomeSharers. The final decisions are made by the participants themselves.

Staff will help clients arrange a trial match, which usually lasts two weeks. A HomeSharing lease agreement is encouraged to establish the rules of the house and set deadlines for payment of rent and utilities. Periodically, a HomeShare specialist will contact participants in matches. Counseling and mediation are available, should a problem develop.

The Information Center, Inc., has made over 90 matches in the southern and western Wayne County area, and is attempting to increase participation in your community. If this program sounds good to you, or you would like more information, call 282-7171. □

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column. For more information about these or other offerings, stop in at the Recreation Department Office, 36515 Bibbins, or call 942-6852.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Adult Fall Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is currently accepting registrations for its ASA Fall, 1997 Softball Leagues. *There is no residency requirement for participating in these leagues.* All games will be played at Elmer Johnson Park beginning the week of September 7. A mandatory manager's meeting will be held at the Recreation building at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 4.

Registration fees (listed below) cover umpire fees, softballs, end-of-season tournament, ASA registration, and field maintenance. A \$50 deposit reserves your team's spot; balance must be paid by the registration deadline of Friday, August 29.

Mon./Wed. Men's White* Division

- 8 teams / 14 games / 2 umpires
- cost: \$450
- top four teams will compete in an end-of-season tournament

Thurs. Night Co-ed Blue* Division

- 6 teams / 10 games / 1 umpire
- doubleheader format
- cost: \$300
- top four teams will compete in an end-of-season tournament

Sun. Men's White* Division

- 10 teams / 9 games / 2 umpires
- doubleheader format
- cost: \$325
- all 10 teams will compete in a double-elimination tournament at the end of the season

*League classification breakdown: White = C & D; Blue = D & E.

Teen Drop-in Basketball

A drop-in basketball program for Romulus teens (proper I.D. required) is planned for Wednesdays (Merriman School) and Thursdays (Wick School) beginning the week of October 6. Romulus Middle School students will play from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at each site; students from Romulus High School will play from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$1 per evening.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men who reside in Romulus (proper I.D. required) will be able to play drop-in basketball at Romulus Middle School from 6 to 8 p.m. each Tuesday beginning October 7. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Adult Coed Volleyball

A drop-in volleyball program open to adults (proper I.D. required) will be held at Wick Elementary School from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning October 7. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Walking Club

The Romulus Recreation Department's new walking club welcomes new members! The Club plans to meet four times a year to recognize its members accomplishments.

Membership is free; just stop by the Recreation office and pick up a "walk slip."

Ceramics Classes

The Romulus Recreation Department's weekly drop-in ceramics class – open to interested people of all skill levels – will resume September 8. Classes are held at the Recreation building each Monday from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$1.50 per class for residents, \$2 for nonresidents. An additional firing charge equal to half the cost of the green ware will be due upon completion of each project.

Tiger Games

The Romulus Recreation Department will be taking interested residents (must be of at least fourth-grade age) on a trip to Tiger Stadium on Wednesday, August 20, and again on Saturday, September 27. Cost of \$10 per person includes bus transportation, which will depart from the Recreation building at about noon and return at about 4:30 p.m. Sign-up must be made at least two days in advance; space is limited to the first 45 registrants.

Coaches Needed

The Romulus Recreation Department is looking for people interested in coaching youth basketball and soccer leagues this fall. For more information, please call the Recreation office.

Also Coming This Fall!

The Romulus Recreation Department's fall season will soon be underway. Be sure to check future issues of "the little paper" for details on programs such as preschool movement, gymnastics, dance, aerobics, tai chi, karate, and more! □

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Community Calendar

- **Giant Yard Sale** – The Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ (located at 1615 Henry Ruff Road between Palmer and Parkwood in Inkster) is holding a giant yard sale on Saturday, August 16, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 728-3280.
- **"Fifth Reunion of the '50s"** – Romulus High School's classes of 1950–1959 will host their fifth annual Reunion of the '50s on Saturday, October 25, at the Crown Plaza–Detroit Metro Airport. Tickets for the event (social hour/cash bar at 6 p.m.; dinner at 7 p.m.; music/dancing after dinner) are \$40 per person/\$75 per couple. Checks should be made payable to "Gloria Chandler/Reunion for the '50s" and mailed to her at 9261 Ozga Road, Romulus, MI 48174, before September 1. In addition, the Crown Plaza is offering a reduced rate of \$69 per room for those wishing to stay overnight (make your reservations early!).
- **Nursery Accepting Applications** – Huron Countryside Cooperative Nursery is a nonprofit organization that admits students of any race, color, sex, handicap, or ethnic or national origin. Fall enrollment is now underway. For more information, call 782-2115 or write to P.O. Box 284, New Boston, MI 48164-9717.
- **Give Your Child a Head Start** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently accepting applications for eligible three- and four-year-old children. This free preschool program, located at Beverly School, serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Applications Accepted for Kindergarten Readiness Program** – The Romulus Community Schools kindergarten readiness program (MDE program) – conducted at the Mt. Pleasant Center (located at 39000 Superior) – is currently accepting applications. Children must be four years old by December 1, 1997, in order to qualify. This program is free to eligible families, and services all families who meet at least two of the 25 established criteria. For more information, call 941-0610, ext. 40, or drop in at the Center (Room #19).
- **Registrations Accepted at St. Aloysius School** – St. Aloysius Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 1997–1998 school year for its all-day, five-day kindergarten program as well as grades one through eight. The school is located near I-275 and I-94 in Romulus. For more information, call 941-3340.
- **Crafters/Vendors Wanted** – Volunteers from the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee continue to work hard to create a street festival to be held in downtown Romulus September 20–21, but they need your help to make it a success! The committee is taking applications from crafters, merchandise vendors, and food vendors who would like to participate, as well as entertainers who would like to volunteer to show off their talents. For crafter/vendor information or applications, please call Susan Watts at 941-0476 (before 8 p.m.) or Maria Lambert at 942-7543 (before 6 p.m.). For entertainer information, call Ellen Bragg at 942-9207 (between 3 and 8 p.m.).
- **St. Paul's Seeks Crafters** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is seeking artists and crafters to participate in its 14th annual "Country and Craft Show," set for October 4–5. Spaces at this indoor show are \$30 without table/\$35 with table (for both days). For more information, contact Ilene Shaffer (753-4534) or the Church (753-9048).
- **Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. For information on upcoming events, call 313-438-2720.

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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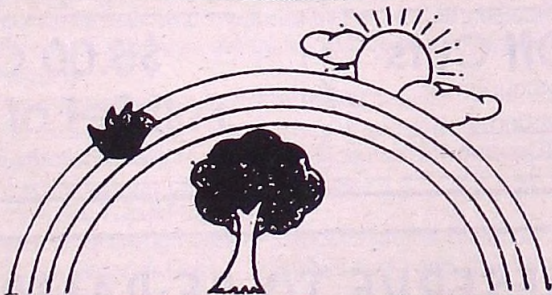
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Volunteers Wanted

The Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services is seeking volunteers to deliver hot meals to home-bound seniors in Romulus. All that is needed is a willing heart, transportation, and 30 to 60 minutes, one to five mornings per week. Volunteers receive a 21-cents-per-mile reimbursement. For more information, call Fran Ryder at 326-4441.

Senior Safety Luncheon

State Senator Loren Bennett will host a safety seminar/pasta luncheon at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, August 25, beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend the seminar, but only those who have signed up by the August 18 deadline will be able to stay for the luncheon which will follow.

Fall Bowling

Sign up for fall league bowling at a meeting to be held at the Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. on August 25. If you are already involved in senior bowling, but can't make the meeting, be sure to let your teammates know so that you don't lose your spot. New bowlers and substitutes are also welcome. For more information, call Mary at 721-3708 or Linda Norman at the Center.

Toledo Zoo

Don't monkey around; be sure to sign up for the Senior Center's trip to the Toledo Zoo, set for Wednesday, August 20. The \$6 fee covers transportation, admission, and parking only, so be sure to bring a sack lunch or extra funds for cafe/vendor foods.

Potluck

The Romulus Senior Center's next potluck dinner — set for Friday, August 22, at 1 p.m. — will feature a main dish of sweet-n-sour chicken, meatballs, and rice in keeping with this month's "tropical" theme. As always, you're invited to bring a dish and bring a friend.

Senior Crime Watch

Local senior citizens interested in learning more about what they can do to prevent crime and promote safety within their neighborhood are invited to attend the Center's next "Senior Crime Watch" meeting, to be held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 28.

As always, Officer Tom Ellis of the Romulus Police Department will be on hand to offer his assistance and share his expertise. Please come: Isn't your protection and peace of mind worth an hour of your time?

Toning To Tape

The Romulus Senior Center invites those who are interested in looking and feeling better to make use of the Richard Simmons "Silver Foxes" exercise video, available for play at the Center every weekday from 9 to 9:45 a.m., and during some afternoons as well. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before beginning.

Haircuts

Senior citizens can come into the Romulus Senior Center for \$5 haircuts on the second Monday of each month beginning at 1 p.m. Walk-ins are always welcome, but, for your own convenience, the Center recommends calling ahead for an appointment. (Note: Since "shampoo" facilities are not available, seniors must arrive with clean hair.)

Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m. beginning in September); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); bingo (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); and pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.).

Free Blood-pressure Readings

Community Emergency Medical Service conducts its free blood-pressure checks at the Center on the fourth Monday of every month at 1 p.m. (Next date: August 25.) No advance registration is required.

Burger King Bingo

The first Wednesday of each month is Burger King Bingo day at the Senior Center, since the local restaurant has graciously offered to contribute coupons for bingo prizes. So, the next time you stop by the Burger King on Wayne Road, please let them know how much you appreciate their community spirit.

Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance to make a reservation. Home delivery of hot meals is also available for qualified individuals. For more information about "Meals on Wheels," call 1-800-851-1454. □

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Wedding Wise

Don't Leave Groom in the Gloom!

By Marjean

Sometimes forgotten, or "put on the back burner" is one of the wedding's most important players, the groom.

Yet the groom and groomsmen have an important role in making the bride's day special!

Here are some of the ways in which he/they may help make this wedding day memorable:

- If a bachelor party is to take place, set the date two or three days before the wedding so that bags under the eyes will be gone. Your bride will appreciate this courtesy and will love seeing her dream guy bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. (Best man, this is part of *your* responsibility in planning the party.)
- Groom and groomsmen, why not take a day at a local spa and "get the works"! Suggestions: try getting a massage and a mud facial to bring out the healthy look. Yes, men do need to take care of their bodies so that they compliment their ladies.
- The best man and groomsmen should help the groom with little errands, such as picking up the tuxedos and keeping hair stylist appointments (which includes a manicure and, yes, a pedicure). This is important because your hands and feet are often "on camera"!
- Groomsmen, be sure to remind the groom to get "little niceties" for the limo ride from the ceremony. Chocolate-covered strawberries, a little box of "because I love you" chocolates, and, of course, a bottle of bubbly. Check with the limo service; many provide these amenities. Just ask!
- Above all, groomsmen, be there for the groom. After all, this is the first day of the rest of his life with his new bride. You can bet that he will thank you later, and the bride will be most appreciative of your efforts to make her day beautiful, as well.

* * *

Coming up next: Choosing the "right" honeymoon. □

CANDIDATES FOR TREASURER

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"If there's one thing I've learned in the past 14 years," she laughed, "it's how to meet a deadline. That's important because, like the Clerk's office, the Treasurer's office has to meet deadlines that are established by law. Tax bills and other important documents *must* be processed accurately and in a timely manner." Her years at City Hall have also allowed her to become familiar with and well-versed in municipal procedures overall.

Another advantage which Morrison-Kersey believes that she has over her competitors is that she doesn't come from a private-sector background.

"My entire career has been oriented toward public service, so I'm used to thinking in terms of more than just dollars and cents, profit and loss. It takes many skills to be a good public servant, and I'm fortunate that I am strongly people-oriented as well as professionally knowledgeable."

Morrison-Kersey says that she has made little effort to seek out official endorsements.

"I see myself as a servant of the people, not a particular interest group," she stated.

Morrison-Kersey praises the successful homestead tax program implemented by Napiorkowski.

"If I'm elected," she said, "I plan to continue his great program, and—hopefuly—even improve upon it."

Asked why she has chosen to run for office at this time, Morrison-Kersey explained, "I want to use my full potential to work for the people of Romulus. With all that I've learned, and all the expertise that I've acquired, I have a lot more to offer my community now, and I would like to make the most of it—for both the benefit of others and my own fulfillment."

To learn more about Morrison-Kersey's campaign, write her in care of the Committee to Elect Pamela Morrison-Kersey, 34600 Michelle, Romulus, MI 48174, or call 941-2038. □

ANSWERS

answers to puzzles from 8/1/97 issue; watch for more puzzles 8/29/97

LEAPFROG:

- 1) crashed; 2) arched; 3) cedar
- 4) about; 5) boat; 6) tab
- 7) Thermos; 8) others; 9) horse
- 10) mowers; 11) worse; 12) sore
- 13) nearest; 14) astern; 15) rants
- 16) raspy; 17) yaps; 18) spy
- 19) battle; 20) bleat; 21) able
- 22) hideous; 23) housed; 24) douse
- 25) seraphim; 26) Harpies; 27) parish
- 28) reveal; 29) ravel; 30) lave

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 28, 1997

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 28, 1997 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Julie A. Oleszkowicz.

Roll call showed all Members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, were absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Oleszkowicz.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/97/21 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

7/97/22 Moved by Kesner supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of July 14, 1997 and the Regular Meeting of July 14, 1997 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, submitted the following personnel recommendations for Board approval: *Resignation* - Linda Wells, Middle School, Special Education Teacher; *Retirement Resolution* - Lenora Bird.

7/97/23 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner to approve the retirement resolution in recognition of years of service to the Romulus Community Schools for Lenora Bird as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/97/24 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner to approve the resignation of Linda Wells as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

7/97/25 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, updated the Board of Education on the revised State Aid issues and responded to their questions.

Future Planning

The Board will discuss future planning at a Board seminar on September 18 and 19, 1997. They also discussed possibilities for a future bond issue and the development of the City-School Committee.

Teaching and Learning Manual

The Board reviewed the revised Teaching and Learning Manual.

City-School Co-sponsoring of Recreation Department

7/97/26 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn that the Board co-sponsor the summer recreation program and make available vehicles and drivers for field trips. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience expressed concerns to the Board of Education on the following issues: Middle School and High School students riding on the same buses; when the Board meetings would appear on cable television.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Carr shared the following items of interest with the members of the Board of Education: 1) Halecreek Congrats Letter; 2) Student Audit; and 3) Professional Development Summer Opportunities.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

The Board expressed its interest in emphasizing our power and skills to increase academic achievement; several Board Members also emphasized the need for increased parental participation.

Executive Session

7/97/27 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:33 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/97/28 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. Lenossi, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Obituaries

Willie G. Brewer

Willie G. Brewer of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, July 31, 1997, at the age of 90.

Willie - who was born in Selmer, Tennessee, on April 25, 1907 - married Katherine Brewer on November 28, 1927, in Blyville, Arkansas.

Surviving Willie are his wife; two sons, William R. (Ft. Meyers, FL) and Glendle Brewer (Westland, MI); three daughters, Mrs. Charles (Mary) Wilcox (Westland, MI), Mrs. Joseph (Carol) Kochanoski (Romulus, MI), and Mrs. Peter (Linda) Preis (Man-

chester, MI); one sister, Mrs. Frances Froberg (St. Joseph, MI); 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by two brothers, four sisters, and one daughter.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 4, at the Romulus Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor William Eversole officiating.

Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Charlotte (Korona) Michniewicz

Charlotte (Korona) Michniewicz of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, August 2, 1997. She was 70 years old.

Born September 10, 1926, the native of Romulus married Joseph Michniewicz in New Boston, Michigan, on April 18, 1942.

Charlotte is survived by four sons, Matthew (Westland, MI), Joseph Jr. (Orlando, FL), Thomas (Pinckney, MI), and Robert Michniewicz (Belle-ville, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Kathy) Tuttle (Romulus, MI) and Mrs.

David (Teresa) Bokor (Taylor, MI); two brothers, Donald (Detroit, MI) and Robert Korona (Midland, MI); 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband and one brother.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 5, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

James Sewell

James Sewell of Romulus and Detroit, Michigan, died on Friday, August 8, 1997, at the age of 86.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born in Perry, Alabama, on April 28, 1911.

James is survived by one stepson, James Acuff (Canton, MI); two stepdaughters, Mrs. L.T. (Betty) Campbell, Jr. (Detroit, MI) and Mrs. Barbara Johnson (Ecorse, MI); one brother, L.M. Sewell; two sisters, Nola and Pauline; 12 stepgrandchildren;

nine step-great-grandchildren; and seven step-great-great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Margaret, one stepson, and three brothers.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 12, at First Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Charles Woolridge officiating.

Interment was at Woodmere Cemetery (Detroit, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to the First Baptist Church. □



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